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# TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 1946.

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## TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT.

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|---|---|
| Area (in acres) | 2350 |
| Population (estimated) | 9700 |
| Number of inhabited houses (end 1946) according to Ratebooks - 3077, including houses with shops and flats. | |
| Rateable value | £91,906. |
| Sum represented by a penny rate - | £364.1.3.64d. |

### Social Conditions.

There are no major industries in the District except a Shipbuilding Yard and the export of China Clay, which is mined in adjoining districts and transported to the Harbour for loading into sea-going vessels. Otherwise the District is entirely residential and caters for visitors all the year round.

### Vital Statistics.

| | | M. | F. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Live births | Legitimate | 73 | 78 | 151 |
| | Illegitimate | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| Still births | Legitimate | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | Illegitimate | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Birth rate (per 1000 population) 16.9
Still birth rate (per 1000 live and still births) 24.4.

Deaths (all causes) 171 (M - 77, F - 94) Crude death rate 17.63 per 1000.
Corrected 176 Corrected death rate 18.14 per 1000.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deaths from Puerperal causes | - | Nil |
| Cancer | - | 32 |
| Whooping Cough | - | Nil |
| Measles | - | Nil |
| Infantile Diarrhoea | - | Nil |

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age -

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | - Males 2 | Female 1 | Total 3 | (19.86 per 1000) |
| Illegitimate | - Males 4 | Female 1 | Total 5 | (263 per 1000) |
| | Totals 6 | 2 | 8 | illegitimate births. |

Tuberculosis. Particulars of new cases notified during 1946 in the District are as follows:-

| Age Periods. | Pulmonary Male | Pulmonary Female | Non-Pulmonary Male | Non-Pulmonary Female |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 25 | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 25 - 34 | 1 | 2 | Nil | Nil |
| 35 - 44 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 2 |
| 45 - 54 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 55 - 64 | 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Deaths from Tuberculosis numbered three only.
Pulmonary 2 Males aged 25 and 60 years.
Non-Pulmonary 1 Female aged 37.

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### Incidence of and control over Infectious Diseases during 1946.

| Diseases. | Total cases notified. | Admitted to Hospital. | Deaths. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Smallpox | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Scarlet Fever | 5 | 3 | Nil |
| Diphtheria | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Typhoid Fever | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Puerperal Fever | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Pneumonia | 9 | Nil | 6 |
| Whooping Cough | 16 | 1 | Nil |
| Erysipilas | 2 | Nil | Nil |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 2 | 2 | Nil |
| Measles | 296 | Nil | Nil |

No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year; One hundred and eighty three (183) children were immunised during the year against Diphtheria.

### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1946.

I am informed by the Sanitary Inspector that during the year he has made a total of 2757 Inspections and Visits in connection with his official duties.

These are divided as follows:-

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| General Inspections re Nuisances, Housing, etc. | 1069 |
| Visits in connection with works in progress, etc. | 1021 |
| Food Premises | 218 |
| Dairies and Cowsheds | 95 |
| Workshops - Shops, etc. | 85 |
| Rooms disinfected | 80 |
| Visits in connection with Rate & Mice Infestation | 189 |
| Smoke & Water Tests applied to drainage during visits | 626 |
| Parcels of Bedding, Clothing, etc. passed through Steam Disinfector | 20 |
| Statutory Notices served | 7 |

HOUSING. During the year a site was purchased at Kingsway and one hundred (100) temporary aluminium prefabricated bungalows were erected. These were all occupied by the end of the year. Also the construction of eight traditional type three bedroomed houses was commenced on a vacant site belonging to the Council at Hutchings Way and negotiations were in hand for the purchase of an extensive site between Third and Fourth Avenues and Coombe Park Road for future Council Housing. At the end of the year there were approximately three hundred and fifty (350) names of applicants on the Council's Housing List.

One hundred and thirty two (132) old houses were inspected for general housing and sanitary defects and in spite of the difficulties of repair works, much of the work required was executed by the end of the year.

FOOD. No slaughtering (except occasional slaughter of pigs) took place in the District, all meat being obtained from the Ministry of Food Centralised Slaughtering Depots, but supervision of food premises was maintained and a total weight of 1717 lbs of foodstuffs was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

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## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

This work was passed to the Public Health Department in 1944 and collections were carried out by a Dennis Moving Floor Vehicle and a Guy Refuse Lorry. Both became worn out and were replaced in 1944 and 1945 by Karrier "Bantam" Refuse Vehicles, whcih continue to give good service.

Tipping is carried out, by controlled methods, at the Council's Tip at Broadmeadow, which it is proposed eventually to convert to a large level area, capable of accommodating football grounds, cricket pitches, etc. which are badly needed in the District.

## SALVAGE.

Continuous effort has been made to increase the collection of Salvage, particularly paper, and it is gratifying to report that quantities increase yearly. In 1945 the total weight of all Salvage sold was 82½ tons, the value being approximately £550 and in 1946 this was increased to 96¾ tons, worth approximately £616.

Collection is by means of two trailers attached to the Refuse Lorries, so that all premises are visited weekly and in addition a special collection is made from shops, hotels, etc. Baling and storage is carried out at the Salvage Depot at the Broadmeadow Refuse Tip.

## GENERAL.

A Summary of Sanitary Work executed during the year is appended hereto:-

| | |
|---|---|
| House Drainage relaid | 27 |
| House Drainage repaired | 54 |
| Choked Drainage cleared | 85 |
| Sinks provided | 45 |
| Flushing apparatus repaired or provided | 38 |
| Yards paved | 27 |
| Rooms & Premises cleaned | 58 |
| Ashbins provided | 17 |
| Dampness abated | 58 |
| Roofs repaired or new provided | 49 |
| Additional Ventilation provided | 3 |
| Offensive accummulations removed | 43 |
| Miscellaneous nuisances abated | 97 |
| Water supplies improved | 23 |
| Rooms disinfected | 80 |
| Illegal occupation of premises prohibited | 23 |
| Houses condemned as unfit | 2 |
| Rat and Mice infestations abated | 28 |
| Verminous premises dealt with | 18 |

## TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

By the kindness of the Water Engineer I am able to quote the following figures in regard to the Water Supply of the District.

### PARTICULARS OF WATER SUPPLY - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

| TEIGNMOUTH. | LOW LEVEL. |
|---|---|
| Total Consumption | 70, 412,000 gallons. |
| Average Daily Consumption | 192,910 " |
| Estimated Population supplied | 4,874 |
| Hours of Supply - 1946 | Continuous (except for 3 days in December) |
| do do - 1945 | Continuous |
| Rainfall - 1946 | 42.79 inches. |
| do - 1945 | 31.14 " |

| TEIGNMOUTH. | HIGH LEVEL. |
|---|---|
| Total Consumption | 88,897,000 gallons. |
| Average Daily Consumption | 243,553 " |
| Estimated Population supplied | 3,486 |
| Hours of Supply - 1946 | Continuous (except for 3 days in December) |
| do do - 1945 | Continuous |
| Rainfall - 1946 | 42.25 inches. |
| do - 1945 | 31.67 " |

| SHALDON. | |
|---|---|
| Total Consumption | 25,947,200 gallons. |
| Average Daily Consumption | 71,088 " |
| Estimated Population supplied | 1,350 |
| Hours of Supply - 1946 | Continuous (except for 3 days in December) |
| do do - 1945 | Continuous |
| Rainfall - 1946 | 45.79 inches. |
| do - 1945 | 31.92 " |